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## Recalls and Melamine Contamination

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The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has increased inspections and product testing in response to the melamine contamination problem that originated in Chinese dairy products.

Consumers should not use the following products:

**Blue Cat Flavor Drinks**

On Oct. 6, 2008, FDA announced that it had detected melamine contamination in Blue Cat Flavor Drinks. The distributor of the product, Tristar Food Wholesale Co. Inc., has initiated a recall of several flavors.

**Mr. Brown Coffee and Milk Tea Products**

On Sept. 26, 2008, FDA issued an alert that seven Mr. Brown instant coffee and milk tea products were being recalled by the Taiwanese company, King Car Food Industrial Co. Ltd., due to possible contamination with melamine. King Car Food Industrial Co. used a nondairy creamer manufactured by Shandong Duqing Inc., China, which was found to be contaminated with melamine.

The recalled products are:

Mr. Brown Mandheling Blend Instant Coffee (3-in-1)  
Mr. Brown Arabica Instant Coffee (3-in-1)  
Mr. Brown Blue Mountain Blend Instant Coffee (3-in-1)  
Mr. Brown Caramel Macchiato Instant Coffee (3-in-1)  
Mr. Brown French Vanilla Instant Coffee (3-in-1)  
Mr. Brown Mandheling Blend Instant Coffee (2-in-1)  
Mr. Brown Milk Tea (3-in-1)

Sunny Maid Corp., Monterey Park, Calif., an importer and distributor of Mr. Brown instant coffee products, is recalling the products in the United States.

**White Rabbit Creamy Candies**

The California Department of Public Health and the New Zealand Food Safety Authority reported that their testing of White Rabbit Creamy Candies has shown melamine contamination at high levels.

In light of the widespread contamination of milk and milk-based products in China and the findings of the California Department of Public Health and the New Zealand Food Safety Authority, FDA continues to recommend that consumers not eat White Rabbit Creamy Candy.

A recall by QFCO Inc., Burlingame, Calif., distributor of the White Rabbit Creamy Candies, is underway in the United States.

**Monitoring Recalls**

FDA is closely monitoring these recalls and will continue to perform follow-up activities of other recalls that may develop.

To date, the agency is not aware of any illnesses in the United States stemming from the consumption of Blue Cat Flavor Drinks, White Rabbit Creamy Candy, or Mr. Brown instant coffee and milk tea products. People who have experienced health problems after consuming these products should contact their health care professional.

To find the latest information on recalls related to melamine, visit FDA's recalls page at [www.fda.gov/opacom/7alerts.html](http://www.fda.gov/opacom/7alerts.html)

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FDA Statement: FDA Detects Melamine Contamination in Flavored Drink  
[www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2008/NEW01896.html](http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2008/NEW01896.html)

FDA's Recalls Page  
[www.fda.gov/opacom/7alerts.html](http://www.fda.gov/opacom/7alerts.html)

Health Information Advisory on Infant Formula  
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